

# DISINFECTING YOUR HOME

Cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces in your home can help stop the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19)



- Clean using soap and water or appropriate cleaners for the surface.
- Wear disposable gloves when disinfecting.
- Apply an appropriate disinfectant allowing a film to remain on the surface for the designated amount of time.
- When cleaning and disinfecting electronics, spray liquids onto a soft cloth and wipe down devices and wires. Avoid getting moisture into USB ports, headphone jacks, and other openings.



- Do not shake dirty laundry.
- Launder items according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Use the warmest possible water and dry completely

## **DISINFECTANTS**

#### STORE-BOUGHT DISINFECTANTS

PRECAUTIONS Check if the EPA registration number on the label is on the EPA's list of disinfectant products that qualify for use against the COVID-19 virus:

https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-ndisinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2

APPLICATION Follow the instructions on the label to ensure safe and effective use of the product paying special attention to concentration, application method, and necessary contact time (how long the surface should remain wet)

#### HYDROGEN PEROXIDE

SURFACES Safe for all hard surfaces; may discolor fabric

SOLUTION Household (3%) Hydrogen Peroxide

APPLICATION Apply and let sit wet for a minimum of 1 minute

#### ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL

SURFACES Safe for all hard surfaces, but may discolor some plastics
SOLUTION Alcohol solutions with 70% alcohol
APPLICATION Apply and let sit wet for a minimum of 1 minute

#### **BLEACH**

PRECAUTIONS Do not mix with ammonia, vinegar, or other househould cleaners; rinse food preparation sites with water after use 
SURFACES Safe for most hard surfaces, but can corrode metal over 
time; may discolor fabric and other porous surfaces 
SOLUTION 1/3 cup bleach to 1 gallon water or 4 teaspoons bleach to 
1 quart water 
APPLICATION Apply and let sit wet for a minimum of 10 minutes before

wiping away

### IF SOMEONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD IS SICK...

- Minimize contact between the sick person and others in the household.
- Designate a separate bedroom and bathroom for the sick person if possible. If a bathroom must be shared with other members of the household, clean and disinfect after each use by the sick person.
- Avoid sharing personal household items (dishes, towels, bedding, etc.)
- Designate a lined trash can for use by the sick person. Use gloves when removing garbage bags and wash hands immediately after.
- Use gloves when handling non-disposable food service items used by the sick person. Wash items with hot water or in a dishwasher.
- Use gloves when handling a sick person's laundry.

